

Please amend the subject application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 11 and 12.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A pad for carrying liquid, comprising:

a piece of non-woven material, wherein the piece of material is [capable of absorbing]  
absorbent to an amount of the liquid at least about 1.5 times the weight of the piece of  
 material without substantial degradation of the piece of material; — property needs claim 58

a first printed ink on a first surface of the material;

a second printed ink on [either] at least one of the first or a second surface of the material;

wherein the first ink is substantially in register with the second ink with reference to at  
least one common reference. ① ? what does that mean

② what references are common ?

2. (Amended) The pad of claim 1, wherein the second printed ink is printed on the  
 first surface and further comprising [a] an additional printed ink on [a] the second surface of  
 the material and wherein the inks printed on the first and second surfaces are substantially in  
 register with reference to the at least one common reference. 3 diff. ink compositions ?

10. (Amended) The pad of claim 1, wherein the designs are printed with ink that is approved under predetermined safety standards in effect on July 8, 1999 [by the United States Food and Drug Administration].

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who determines the  
standards?

17. (Amended) The pad of claim 3:

wherein the design on the first surface is substantially the same as the design on the second surface;

the material has a thickness of about 30 mils to 50 mils;

[the designs are printed with ink that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

the designs are printed with ink that is approved under California Proposition

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the designs are printed with ink that is compliant with CONEG;]

the designs are printed with ink that is substantially non-leaching;

the ink is a non-carbon gravure ink;

the ink has a viscosity of about 17 to 30 seconds in a no. 2 Zahn;

said piece of material is substantially circular.

58. (Amended) A pad comprising:

a piece of non-woven material wherein the material [comprises either] is selected from the group consisting of a polyester [or] and a polyester cellulose blend; and

- use other language  
- safe nontoxic to humans  
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be inherent anyway

which of wherein said  
vehicle

a first ink printed on a first surface of the piece of non-woven material, wherein the first ink comprises a vehicle is selected from the group consisting of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic, shellac, and combinations of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic and shellac, wherein the first ink is substantially non-leaching due to the vehicle selected.

Vehicle is important